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Abstract

This bibliography contains 217 references on management and research of blue grouse (*Dendragapus obscurus*). References cover a period from 1889 through 1977. A general subject index is numerically keyed to an alphabetical list of authors.

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The amount of literature on wildlife species and their habitats has accumulated to a point where it is difficult for field biologists and many researchers to maintain reference libraries. Legislation such as the BLM Organic Act, National Forest Management Act, and the Resources Planning Act, however, require land managers to have an intimate up-to-date knowledge of animal requirements. This bibliography will provide sources of information on blue grouse (*Dendragapus obscurus*).

The bibliography should be complete through 1977, although some references may have been inadvertently omitted. Three general classes of information were purposely excluded. The first were life history reports that may interest students and the public, but whose contributions toward research or management information are somewhat limited because of the generalized treatment of information. Only three of these were included because of their excellence: A. C. Bent's "Life Histories of American Gallinaceous Birds" and Paul Johnsgard's "North American Game Birds of Upland and Shoreline" and "Grouse and Quails of North America." Bent's work is one of the earliest and Johnsgard's provides the latest summaries of this type.

Second, references to popular or semipopular periodicals were omitted.

Third, references to Federal aid completion reports are not listed. These are readily available from the Fish and Wildlife Reference Service, Denver Public Library Service Building, 2100 W. Mississippi Ave., Denver, Colorado 80223. Also, because of limited distribution, copies of these reports are difficult to obtain except through the copy services offered by the Fish and Wildlife Reference Service. This is an active file and all persons interested in blue grouse research or management should be encouraged to request an updated list of work done under Federal aid.

A search for blue grouse literature under Federal aid was made in August 1977 and yielded 75 references. Sixteen of these were listed as M.S. theses, journal articles, or Game and Fish Department technical bulletins and are listed in the bibliography; the remaining 59 are project reports and are not listed.

This bibliography contains 217 references dating back to 1889. A general subject index keyed to author is also provided. A number under the subject identifies the article which is listed by author in alphabetical order.

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